

## Dearest Donor,

We are so grateful for the support and generosity of our wonderful donors like you. The challenges that have impacted us over the past two years couldn't slow down our project managers in Kenya and Ghana. Papa, Jane and Noel have been amazingly resilient and are determined to make sure the projects benefiting their communities are a huge success.

## **GHANA**

# Mama Yaa's Home for Children

Construction on the children's home began in the summer of 2020. This year, Jane and Papa were able to complete the roof and electrical wiring, started the plumbing, plastered the walls, and installed floors! In early 2022 they will complete the plumbing, install windows, paint, and furnish the home. Everyone is excited for the coming day when Papa & Jane's family and the 26 orphans in their care can move in!

#### Porter's School

This year, Papa's focus has been on helping the school to work toward self-sustainability. We have continued to work with Papa to help him with financial planning. BBA assisted with funding a new bus engine to help with the safe transportation of students. The fees collected from students for transportation are just one more way the school is on its way to becoming entirely self-sustaining.

In loving memory of Louisa, a sweet 4-year-old student we lost to malaria in August, Papa began a malaria screening program at the school.

## Jane's Bakery

Jane's bakery continues to grow and Jane is showing her skills as a business woman! This year she installed electrical wiring and had shelves built. This allowed her to bake more bread to keep up with the increasing demand. Board members have been teaching Jane how to use spreadsheets to track the finances and she is learning fast. The profits from the business will support the orphanage and ensure the children have everything they need to thrive.

## **KENYA**

# Spring of Hope Secondary School coming soon!

This year has been an amazing one in Kenya. The land BBA purchased for the school was found to have an ample water supply perfect for a water tower. Noel oversaw drilling of a borehole at the end of 2020 and in 2021 a water tower with solar panels for the pump was installed. The community elders are planning to install a second water tower to supply the village, which will allow the school to collect royalties that will be used to pay for maintenance of the borehole, pump and water tower.

## **Community Garden**

A portion of the land has been cleared and plowed. The drip irrigation system was put in place and the planting began! The land was prepped for the 70 fruit trees that that are doing very well and vegetable seeds that will help provide food for the school and community.

# **Beekeeping Sustainability Project**

We recently invested in the school's first beehives. Noel found a local company that doesn't just supply the hives, but also provides training and support. When this pilot project proves successful, Noel will increase the number of hives with the intention of selling the honey and using the wax to make candles and other goods to sell.

In 2022, Noel plans to start working on the next phases to include classrooms and housing. The next couple of years are going to be busy in Kenya as construction begins and the sustainability projects continue to grow!

## Thank you

As we look back at everything that has been accomplished since we started Building Blocks in Africa in 2017, we are in absolute awe. Your contributions have helped improve the lives of so many within these communities for generations to come. We cannot thank you enough for your support. We wish you the happiest New Year and look forward to seeing what we can accomplish together in 2022!

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors of Building Blocks in Africa









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